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- (a) There is a Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership.
- (b) The purposes of the Program are to:
- (1) Provide incentives for individuals to insure against the costs of providing for their long-term care needs;
- (2) Provide mechanisms for individuals to qualify for coverage of the costs of their long-term care needs under the medical assistance program without first being required to substantially exhaust all their resources;
- (3) Assist in developing methods for increasing access to and the affordability of a long-term care policy; and
- (4) Alleviate the financial burden on the State's medical assistance program by encouraging pursuit of private initiatives.
 - (c) The Program shall:
 - (1) Be administered by:
 - (i) The Department; and
 - (ii) The Commissioner:
 - (2) Provide for the financing of long–term care services by:
 - (i) Private insurance; and
 - (ii) State medical assistance; and
- (3) Comply with the requirements of § 1917(b) of the Social Security Act and any applicable federal guidelines.

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